

August 15, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to encourage you to support the efforts of LightSquared, a broadband wireless company that wants to introduce wireless service with a satellite component across the country, including in Hawaii.

As someone who works with youth every day, I know that the availability of a strong and reliable broadband service is critical to giving our children the opportunities they will need to learn and work in this wired world.

New ways of deploying and improving broadband here in Hawaii is probably the most important issue facing our educational system. It is so important Gov. Abercrombie just approved a bill that makes broadband a priority.

Hawaii's next generation's economic recovery depends on companies like LightSquared – which will invest \$25 billion in its network and employ thousands of workers nationwide as it brings state-of-the-art high-speed wireless capacity to around 300 million people across the country - delivering strong broadband to Hawaii. Otherwise, countries like China, India and Brazil could very well leapfrog us by building out their own higher-speed networks. That would be disastrous.

Please work with LightSquared to resolve any outstanding issues quickly so that our economy and our telecommunications infrastructure can begin to benefit from LightSquared's investments as soon as possible, for the future of Hawaii's children.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
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